



SafeRoadsMD

SB 315

“Vehicle Laws – Bike Lanes and Shoulders –
Yielding Right-of-Way
(Sarah Debbink Langenkamp Memorial Act)”

PLEASE SUPPORT

MARYLAND COALITION FOR ROADWAY SAFETY, INC. URGES YOUR SUPPORT FOR SB 315

March 19, 2024

TO:

Honorable Delegate Marc Korman, Chair
Honorable Delegate Regina T. Boyce, Vice Chair
Environment and Transportation Committee
Maryland General Assembly
House Office Building, Room 251
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

FROM:

John J. Seng, Chair
SafeRoadsMD - *Maryland Coalition For Roadway Safety, Inc.*
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Dear Mr. Korman and Ms. Boyce:

SafeRoadsMD, a four-year old statewide non-profit advocacy organization, **strongly supports the enactment of SB 315, the “Vehicle Laws – Bike Lanes and Shoulders – Yielding Right-of-Way (Sarah Debbink Langenkamp Memorial Act)” bill.**

We respectfully request that the House Environment and Transportation Committee submit a favorable response to this bill to strengthen protections for bicyclists riding in metropolitan centers and on roads throughout Maryland.

SafeRoadsMD consists of Marylanders who care and speak for all Marylanders concerned about and acting to increase safety on our roads. Over the past three years, we and other groups have lobbied and petitioned for Maryland leaders to take alarm and strengthen the law to increase deterrence to roadway violence and realize Zero Deaths.

Approving SB 315 and the Governor’s signing this bill into law will send a message to vehicle operators who continue their distracted driving, speeding, driving under the influence, behaving recklessly and more, that killing or harming a bicyclist or other two/three-wheeled vehicle is not an excusable – that it’s a crime with severe penalties.

Maryland sorely needs more substantial deterrents and adequate law enforcement to improve road safety for all. This bill looks to secure greater safety for bicyclists and others who share the road equally – with safety coming first.

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Maryland Lawmakers Can Create a Maryland Road Safety Legacy!

As we've shared with the Environment and Transportation Committee in the past regarding road safety legislation: Is it possible that the Maryland General Assembly could boldly take a preeminent role during this 2024 session by sending the message to the public and the legal system that Maryland lawmakers put 100% into ensuring that road safety comes first? Can the Maryland General Assembly join with Governor Moore to ensure that **no one and nothing's left behind in making roadway safety a #1 priority**?

You Can Do It!

We thank you both and the House Environment and Transportation Committee for your review of our position, and urge you to submit a favorable recommendation and support for SB 315.

Sincerely,



John J. Seng
Chair

- cc: Governor Wes Moore
- Sen. Ariana Kelly
- Del. Sara Love
- Ragina Ali, AAA MidAtlantic
- SafeRoadsMD *Coalition* Board of Directors